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TAGS: CASC: (SULLIVAN, JOHN J.)

SUBJECT: W/W - JOHN J. SULLIVAN

REF: SAN SALVADOR 1615

1. THE SULLIVAN FAMILY HAS INDICATED THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF AN ASSOCIATION BETWEEN JOHN J. SULLIVAN AND COL. MAJANO. NONETHELESS, THE FAMILY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT COL. MAJANO MAY BEABLE TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JOHN J. SULLIVAN.

2. THE DEPT AGREES THAT THE SENSITIVITY OF THE PRESENT SITUATION PRECLUDES THE EMBASSY'S SEEKING AN INTERVIEW WITH MAJANO AT THIS TIME. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT WE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DISCOVER MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SULLIVAN. WE PROPOSE AS AN ALTERNATIVE THAT THE EMBASSY APPROACH [redacted] OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATELY HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY AUTHORITY, DISCUSS THE CASE WITH HIM, AND SUGGEST THAT HE INQUIRE OF MAJANO WHETHER HE KNOWS OF SULLIVAN AND IF SO, WHAT.

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3. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO RAISE MR. SULLIVAN'S DISAPPEARANCE WITH OTHER SALVADORAN AUTHORITIES AT EVERY POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY, AND CONTINUE TO KEEP THE DEPT APPRISED OF EMBASSY'S EFFORTS. HAIG

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ATTENTION JOHN SULLIVAN SR.

DISPOSITION JOHN SULLIVAN JR JOURNALIST EL SALVADOR: ACCORDING TO MAJOR CACEM NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS DURING SEMINAR IN PANAMA, INFORMATION FOLLOWS:

1. THREE OF FIVE LEFTIST GROUPS MAY BE HOLDING JOHN FOR EVENTUAL U.S. MEDIA CONNECTION.

2. LEFTIST GROUPS IN QUESTION MAKE UP LAS MASA OR FINAL OFFENSIVE WITH POSSIBLE HAVANA TIES.

A. F.P.L.
B. M.N.R.
C. F.A.P.U.

3. TWO GROUPS NOT HOLDING J.S. BUT DO NOT RULE OUT HOLDING TANK IN MANAGUA TWO U.S. JOURNALIST.

A. B.P.R.
B. E.R.P.

4. ALL ABOVE MAKE UP LEFTIST INSURGENCE BUT FIGHTING FROM WITHIN HAS WEAKENED MOVEMENT AS UNIT AND DIFFICULT TO TRACE WHEREABOUTS.

5. RESULTING IN SPLINTER ROBBER BANDS OF ABOVE NONPOLITIC BUT SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEPRAVITY POSSIBLE CAPTORS WITH MOTIVES OF RANSOM.

6. CONSENSUS OF NEWSPAPERS CLAIM J.S. ALIVE AND NOT WITH JUNTA OR FAR RIGHT ALTHOUGH LATTER ACTIVELY SEEKING INFORMATION TO WHEREABOUTS WITH QUESTIONABLE MOTIVES.

7. REQUESTED MEXICO CONNECTION AS PER DONNA HAS NO RESPONSE ALTHOUGH ONE PAPER WILL CONTACT AT LATER DATE WITH MORE INFO ON UNGO.

BEST REGARDS

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Ed, this is a copy of the Tlx I received wed. night 4/1 I had it retyped as original was poor.

I feel the Dept. should take immediate action on information in letter to see what can be followed up on any kind of a lead and I strongly feel that time is of the essence - TOP

John Sullivan